P24796 A02.doc

IPW

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

: Masato NOGUCHI

Appl. No. : 10/801,652

Group Art Unit: 2872

Filed

: March 17, 2004

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Confirmation No.: 1683

For

: OPTICAL LOW PASS FILTER

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-56268, which was published on February 25, 2000, together with an English language translation of the same. Applicant notes that this document is mentioned on page 2 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Patent No. 2840619, which issued on October 23, 1998, together with an English language translation of the same. Applicant notes that this document is mentioned on page 4 of the specification of the present application; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0080826 to NOGUCHI, which was published on April 29, 2004.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent application

publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted, Masato NOGUCHI

RN03360

Bruce H. Bernstein

Reg. No. 29,027(

June 23, 2004 GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C. 1950 Roland Clarke Place Reston, VA 20191 (703) 716-1191

P24	70	6	D	ገሩ
ГZ4	17	U.	г١	JU

Sheet 1 of 1

Patent and Pradentary Office											Atty. Docket No.   Application No.   10/801,652					
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use several sheets if necessary)										Applicant Masato NOGUCHI						
										Filing Date Group March 17, 2004 2872			Group 2872			
									U.S. PA	TENT DOC	UMENTS			·		
EXAMINER INITIAL		D	DOCUMENT NUMBER			DATE	NA	.ME	CLASS	SUBCLASS		FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE				
2004	1	0	0	8	0	8	2	6	04/29/04	NOGUCH	I					
														<del></del>		-
												<u> </u>				
								-		<u> </u>				<u> </u>		
	-				-		-									
	-	-			╁	<del>                                     </del>	<b></b>	-			-					
		<u> </u>		ļ	$\vdash$	$\vdash$	<del> </del>	_	_							
		-		-	-	<del> </del>										
			ļ	ļ	├	<u> </u>	<u> </u>			-						
		-				<del>                                     </del>	$\vdash$		<u> </u>	<u> </u>		ļ				
		ļ			<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>									
			ļ	ļ <u>.</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>			ļ <u>.</u>	<del> </del>	ļ				
		<u> </u>			ļ	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		!							
				ļ	_	<u> </u>							ļ			
									FOREIGN I	PATENT D	OCUMENT	rs				
		_						_			UTDV OLAGO		_	_		LATION
	_	DOCUMENT NUMBER						NTRY CLASS		SUBCLASS		YES NO				
20	0	0	-	5	6	2	6	8	02/28/00	JAPAN					X	
		2	8	4	0	6	1	9	10/23/98	JAPAN					Х	
	<u> </u>				ļ	<u> </u>	L_									
		ļ <u>.</u>		<u> </u>	ļ	$oxed{oxed}$										
				OTI	HER	DO	CUI	MEN	NTS (Includ	ing Author,	Title, Date,	Pertinent Pa	ages, Et	c.)		
												<del></del>				
	<u> </u>										· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
	<u> </u>											·			<u> </u>	
							-									
		<u> </u>	-													
	<u> </u>	$\vdash$														
EXAMINER	1							-		DA	TE CONSII	DERED				
*EXAMINER	: Ini	tial i	f cit	ation	con	sider	ed. 1	whet	her or not cit				09: drav	w line thr	ough citatio	on if not in
conformance a													, <b>u</b> iu	inic un	Jugii Vitati	11 HVt III